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NSHRF NEWS

Student Award for Parkinson's Research (George Turnbull Student Research Award)

The Nova Scotia Health Research Foundation, in partnership with the Parkinson Society, Maritime Region is pleased to announce a new funding opportunity for graduate students conducting research on Parkinson's disease: Student Award for Parkinson's Research (*George Turnbull Student Research Award*).

Application Deadline: **Wednesday, April 30, 2008.**

The Student Award for Parkinson's Research (*George Turnbull Student Research Award*)

Description Document and the Application Forms are available on our website:

<http://www.nshrf.ca/AbsPage.aspx?ID=1182&siteid=1&lang=1>

Research Capacity Awards

The Nova Scotia Health Research Foundation, is now accepting applications for the 2008-09 Research Capacity Awards. Researchers and students who intend to submit an application must submit their applications by the dates below:

Research Skills Award

Application Deadline: May 1, 2008 – May 22, 2008 **and** October 1, 2008 – October 22, 2008.

Proposal Development Award

Applications will be accepted at any time during the year.

Special Consideration Award

Application Deadline: May 1, 2008 – May 22, 2008 **and** October 1, 2008 – October 22, 2008.

The 2008-09 Capacity Program Description Document and the Application Forms are available on our web site: <http://www.nshrf.ca/AbsPage.aspx?ID=1182&siteid=1&lang=1>

The Nova Scotia Health Research Foundation partners with the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Nova Scotia for Finding Answers. For Life. Podcasts

The Heart and Stroke Foundation of Nova Scotia, in partnership with the Nova Scotia Health Research Foundation, developed a series of six podcasts that provide listeners with an opportunity to learn more about Heart and Stroke Foundation of Nova Scotia funded research.

The podcasts are available on The Heart and Stroke Foundation of Nova Scotia web site <http://www.heartandstroke.ns.ca> as well as on iTunes.

WORKSHOPS

NSHRF Strategic Workshop: Research on Aging in Nova Scotia: The Northwood Research Agenda – May 8, 2008

The Nova Scotia Health Research Foundation, in partnership with Northwood are holding a workshop on May 8, 2008: Research on Aging in Nova Scotia: The Northwood Research Agenda.

This workshop will focus on research in the continuing care sector. We will discuss the new model for conducting research in the Northwood community as well as research priorities for Northwood. This workshop will seek to generate research activity in these priority areas as well as on other key areas of aging research.

Northwood is a full-service organization providing independent living, homecare, long-term care and community outreach programs to seniors and people at risk.

Application forms are available on our website:

<http://www.nshrf.ca/AbsPage.aspx?ID=1319&siteid=1&lang=1>

Institute for Applied Health Research and Design: 2008

Application forms for the fourth annual Institute for Applied Health Research and Design are now available. The application deadline is **September 12, 2008**.

The purpose of the Institute is to support early career health researchers or clinicians new to health research (junior faculty members, post-doctoral fellows and senior PhD students) with an opportunity to build their grant writing skills.

The Institute Program Description Document and the Application Form are available on our website:

<http://www.nshrf.ca/AbsPage.aspx?id=1106&siteid=1&lang=1>

IN PROFILE: NOVA SCOTIA RESEARCH

Enzyme paving the way to new antibiotics

Investigator: David L. Jakeman, Department of Pharmacy, Department of Chemistry, Dalhousie University

Bacteria can become resistant to current strains of antibiotics, and as a result, it is important to develop new medications to thwart these drug-resistant bacteria. In addition, researchers are working to generate anti-cancer antibiotics with greater selectivity and power.

David Jakeman's research falls in both these areas. With funding from the Nova Scotia Health Research Foundation and the Canadian Institutes of Health Research, Dr. Jakeman is working to develop novel antibiotics that contain carbohydrates. He has had success using the soil bacterium *streptomyces venezuelae* ISP5230, to make new potential antibiotics for biological testing. In the course of his research, his research team has isolated over 20 different antibiotics, over half of which have never been isolated previously.

To read more, visit, <http://www.nshrf.ca/AbsPage.aspx?ID=1288&siteid=1&lang=1>

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